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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The submission of amendment filed on 5/27/03 is acknowledged. At this point claims 1, 5, 6, 20 have been amended and the remaining claims left unchanged. Thus, claims 1-20 are at issue in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims **1-20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Macek (US 6,394,622) in view of Garner (US 5,903,103).

Referring to Claims **1, 4, 18** Macek discloses (Fig.3) a plurality of light sources [19] and [22], switch [21] and a housing [11] configured so as to direct the light into a beam.

Macek discloses the instant claimed invention except for an integrated circuit and a switch electrically coupled to the integrated circuit.

Garner disclose (Figs. 3-8) an integrated circuit based on signal from the switch and configured to control which of the plurality of light sources are illuminated (col.4, lines 14-20; col.6, lines4-13).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the integrated circuit and switch of Garner for the device of Macek for purpose of controlling the illumination of the light source based on input signal of the switch.

Referring to Claims **2, 3** Macek discloses a lighting device having a plurality of the light sources. A LED and a incandescent bulb are well known and widely used in the art of illumination.

It is understood that any desired type of light source well known in the art including LED and incandescent bulb may be used for the device. Also it is well known in the art that LED and incandescent bulb have different levels of power consumption.

Referring to Claims **7, 12** Macek discloses the instant claimed invention except for counter. Garner discloses a counter [64]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the device of Macek with Garner's integrated circuit having counter for purpose of providing different states of illumination.

Referring to Claims **5, 6, 13** Macek discloses the instant claimed invention except for multi-state electronic device.

Garner discloses the integrated circuit which is a multi –state electronic device that has three states that can be changed by a signal from the switch (col.8, lines 44-67; col.9, lines 1-67; col.10, lines 1-3).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the multi-state circuit of Garner for the device of Macek in order to obtain a plurality of types of illumination.

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Referring to Claims **8, 16** Macek discloses (Figs.1, 5, 7) that each light source has is covered by own lens.

Referring to claim **9** it is understood that the flashlight will work without changing the functionality if lens or lenses cover any desired combination of the light sources, but by Examiner's opinion, if lens covers LEDs only, uncovered incandescent bulb is unsaved from a damage.

Referring to Claims **10, 19** Macek disclose the instant claimed invention except for a three-position rock switch.

This type of switch is well known in the art. Using of three-position switch let to obtain additional operating position except regular ON/OFF positions.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the three-position rock switch for the device of Macek on order to obtain an additional position for operation of the control circuit.

Referring to Claims **11, 20** Macek discloses (Fig.3) a plurality of light sources [19] and [22], switch [21] and a hand-sized housing [11] configured so as to direct the light from the plural light sources.

Macek disclose the instant claimed invention except for a multi-state electronic device.

Garner discloses discloses the integrated circuit which is a multi-state electronic device that has three states that can be changed by a signal from the switch (col.8, lines 44-67; col.9, lines 1-67;

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col.10, lines 1-3). Since Garner discloses that the combination creates different light pattern (lights light together or in sequence it is understood, that any combination of light sources can be obtain.

Three-position switch is well known in the art. Using of three-position switch in a combination with the integrated circuit allow to obtain utilization of the different light sources that can direct the light beams to any directions with accordance to location of the light source and design of the device.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the integrated multi-state circuit of Garner for the device of Macek in order to obtain a plurality of types of illumination.

Referring to Claims **14, 15** Macek discloses a lighting device having a plurality of the light sources which can be LED, an incandescent bulb or any other lighting means known in the art. It is well known in the art that the LED and incandescent bulb have different brightness.

Referring to Claim **17** Macek discloses (Fig.1) a flashlight body that configured to direct light from the plural light sources in a single direction.

Conclusion

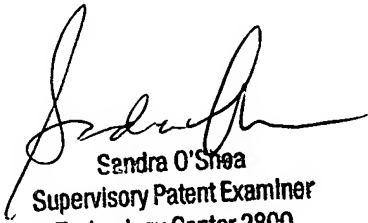
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (703) 305-4939. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703)872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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